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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Comments on "Perspective for Intelligence, 1975-80"

1. Basically the "Perspectives" paper contains the kinds of information it should as a background for planning by the Community. I believe, however, that it might contain more about the environment in which we could find ourselves operating, both at home and abroad, and more about the role of intelligence.

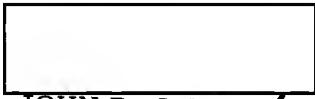
2. In some respects our future environment is reasonably predictable in more specific fashion than it has been--for example, with regard to selected material and food shortages. It might be equally predictable in other areas. Perhaps a good example, given the resource implications of the "data explosion" and what it means for processing and computers (the key tool of processing), is the likelihood of radically new computer technology. Other, and even better examples, undoubtedly exist.

3. Other aspects of the environment, particularly the political, will affect the role of intelligence and could do so in a number of ways which would impact on the place of intelligence in American society. In a more specific vein, there are questions about our role in economic intelligence, the lack of any governmental competition in many areas of foreign economic intelligence, and the like.

4. Regardless of whether or not there is any expansion of the paper in the above areas, I would like to suggest that steps be taken to ensure its use by the Community in a coordinated fashion, perhaps through USIB/IRAC tasking for reporting on planning and its reflection in proposals for the allocation of resources and for objectives.

5. There are some editorial problems, but I assume they will be taken care of.

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Remarks:

I am really quite concerned about CIA monopoly of finished intelligence in the economic area. This is unhealthy and I would suggest that as DCI you work with OMB to produce a competing capability elsewhere in the Government—preferably in State or Treasury

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